

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION  
Olympia, Washington**

**To:** Oxygen Providers  
Inhalation/Respiratory Therapists  
Pharmacists  
Home Health Agencies  
Managed Care Plans  
Regional Administrators  
CSO Administrators

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**Subject: Oxygen and Respiratory Equipment: HIPAA Implementation**

**Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2003**, MAA will discontinue the use of all state-unique procedure codes. MAA has updated the Oxygen and Respiratory Equipment Billing Instructions, dated October 2003. These new billing instructions reflect changes made due to HIPAA implementation.

## **What has changed?**

The new billing instructions contain changes to the following sections:

- Definitions;
- Client Eligibility;
- Fee Schedule:
  - ✓ New procedure codes;
  - ✓ Discontinued procedure codes;
  - ✓ Additions or changes to coverage limitations;
- Prior Authorization; and
- Claim Form Instructions.

The Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will continue to consider the discontinued codes valid until October 15, 2003.

Discontinued Procedure Codes	Replacement Procedure Codes	EPA Criteria Code (Last 3)		Discontinued Procedure Codes	Replacement Procedure Codes	EPA Criteria Code (Last 3)
6263E	E1399	908		6437E	E1399	905
6509E	E1399	909		7806E	E1399	907
6620E	E1399	910		6413E	94656	915
6854E	E1399	901		6600E	94799	906
7803E	E1399	902		6601E	94760	916
6434E	E1399	903		6616E	94772	917
6893E	E1399	904				

Bill MAA your usual and customary charge. For procedure codes that were formerly listed as By Report (B.R.), MAA will reimburse providers the percentage of billed charges listed in the Maximum Allowable Fee column of the Fee Schedule.

MAA has updated the Oxygen and Respiratory Equipment, dated October 2003, to reflect the changes mentioned in this memo as well as HIPAA implementation. To obtain these billing instructions and this memorandum electronically, go to MAA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (Click on the Provider Publications/Fee Schedules link).